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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were currently pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-15 will remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of copending Application No. 10/036,991.

In response, Applicants traverse the rejection. However, solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Terminal disclaimer and request that the provisional rejection be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION OF REMARKS

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the

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response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-426.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-426.

Respectfully submitted,



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